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U.S. Patent Documents

1. U.S. Patent No. 5,721,837 to Dan Kikinis *et al.*, issued February 24, 1998.
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,835,732 Dan Kikinis *et al.*, issued November 10, 1998.
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,872,566 to Cary L. Bates *et al.*, issued February 16, 1999.
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,896,321 to John W. Miller *et al.*, issued April 20, 1999.
5. U.S. Patent No. 5,948,040 to David M. DeLorne *et al.*, issued September 7, 1999.
6. U.S. Patent No. 6,002,865 to Erik C. Thomsen, issued December 14, 1999.
7. U.S. Patent No. 6,034,652 to Paul A. Freiburger *et al.*, issued March 7, 2000.
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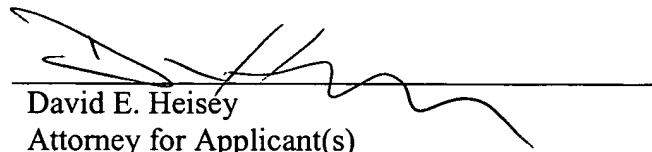
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